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SUBJECT: TIA CHARTER FLIGHTS

1. TRANS INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES (TIA) HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT ITS SCHEDULE OF PASSENGER FLIGHTS INTO AND OUT OF TOKYO DURING JULY AND AUGUST HAS RUN INTO A NEW PROBLEM. ACCORDING TO TIA'S TOKYO REP, SLOTTING IS NOT ISSUE BUT NOW JAPANESE ARE FOLLOWING PRACTICE OF ALLOWING SCHEDULED AIRLINES RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL. IF CORRECT, THIS MEANS THAT A SUPPLEMENTAL AIRLINE MUST FIRST OBTAIN REFUSAL OF SCHEDULED AIRLINES TO PERFORM SERVICE BEFORE IT CAN UNDERTAKE CHARTER OPERATION. SUCH A PRACTICE WOULD MAKE SERVICE BY ANY SUPPLEMENTAL NEXT TO IMPOSSIBLE.
2. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS EMBASSY INVESTIGATE AND REPORT

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THIS MATTER. IF CORRECT THAT JAPANESE ARE NOW ALLOWING SCHEDULED AIRLINES RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL, EMBASSY SHOULD APPROACH APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES TO PROTEST PRACTICE AND THIS NEW HARASSMENT OF U.S. SUPPLEMENTALS. EMBASSY SHOULD POINT OUT THAT RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL IS UNACCEPTABLE TO USG AS IT CLEARLY DISCRIMINATES AGAINST CERTAIN US AIRLINES. VANCE

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